

	<b>INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE MANUAL</b>	
	<b>Chapter 6:</b> Court Involvement	<b>Effective Date:</b> July 1, 2008
	<b>Section 5:</b> Petition for Parental Participation (PPP)	<b>Version:</b> 1

## POLICY

**OLD POLICY: 308**

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) will file a Petition for Parental Participation (PPP) for any child that a court adjudicates as a Child in Need of Services (CHINS) case.

DCS will ensure the parent/guardian/custodian receives a copy of the Parental Participation Decree (PPD).

### Code References

1. [IC 31-32-13: Issuance of Orders](#)
2. [IC 31-32-14: Contempt of Court](#)
3. [IC 31-34-16: Petition for Parental Participation](#)
4. [IC 31-34-20-3: Order for participation by parent, guardian, or custodian in program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for child](#)

## PROCEDURE

The Family Case Manager (FCM) will:

1. Assist the DCS Local Office Attorney with writing the Petition for Parental Participation (PPP), which must allege the following:
  - a. The respondent is the child's parent/guardian/custodian,
  - b. The child has been adjudicated a CHINS, and
  - c. The parent/guardian/custodian is required to do one or more of the following:
    - 1) Obtain assistance in fulfilling obligations as parent/guardian/custodian,
    - 2) Provide specified care, treatment or supervision for the child,
    - 3) Work with a person providing care, treatment or rehabilitation for the child, or
    - 4) Refrain from direct or indirect contact with the child.
2. Verify the PPP by signing the following statement: I hereby affirm under penalties for perjury that the foregoing representations are true;
3. Ensure the petition is prepared before or at the same time the [Predispositional Report \(PDR\)](#) is filed with the court; and
4. Provide a copy of the Parental Participation Decree (PPD) to the parent/guardian/custodian, and place a copy in the case file.

**Note:** If the parent/guardian/custodian fails to participate in court ordered services, document the reason to show cause with the DCS Local Office Attorney by affidavit. See Related Information for further details.

The Supervisor will work with the FCM to assure the recommendations are appropriate for the court case.

<b>PRACTICE GUIDANCE</b>
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<b>FORMS AND TOOLS</b>
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[Predispositional Report- available in ICWIS](#)

<b>RELATED INFORMATION</b>
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**Rule to Show Cause**

The verified motion for Rule to Show Cause is a motion to the court that documents a parent/guardian/custodian's failure to participate in court-ordered programs or services. The DCS Local Office Attorney can file a motion for Rule to Show Cause. The court will review the motion and supporting affidavit. If the court issues a Rule to Show Cause, the court will set a hearing and may find the parent/guardian/custodian to be "in contempt of court" for not participating or enter an additional order for modification or enforcement of the Parental Participation Decree (PPD).